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SUBJECT: AFP REPORT ON ZAMBIAN RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA ON
ANGOLAN WAR

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AFP FEB. 16 REPORT FROM JOHANNESBURG AS
CARRIED BY ZAMBIA NEWS AGENCY (ZANA) FOR STATE HOUSE ONLY RPT ONLY.
ITEM HAS NOT RPT NOT APPEARED ON SERVICE TO ZANA REGULAR SUBSCRIBERS
LEADING US TO BELIEVE THAT ITS FURTHER DISSEMINATION HERE
WAS KILLED BY STATE HOUSE.

2. QTE. JOHANNESBURG, FEB 16 (AFP) - ZANA - SOUTH AFRICA'S
INTERVENTION IN THE ANGOLAN WAR WAS INNER QTE PAINFULLY CORRECT
END INNER QTE AT ALL TIMES AND AT NO STAGE HAD SOUTH AFRICA
TAKEN MILITARY ACTION WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF ZAIRE, ZAMBIA AND
THE IVORY COAST. PARA.
THIS WAS DISCLOSED HERE TODAY AND YESTERDAY BY THE PRO-WESTERN
UNITA MOVEMENT LEADER, DR. JONAS SAVIMBI, WHOSE ACCOUNT OF SOUTH
AFRICA'S FOUR-MONTH INVOLVEMENT ON THE ANGOLAN FRONTS ARE THE
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RECORDS OF A MEETING HE HAD WITH UNITED STATES SENATOR BILL

COUGHLIN, WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED BEFORE THE U.S. SENATE'S AFRICA COMMITTEE THIS WEEK. PARA.
THE REPORT SAID THAT DR. SAVIMBI HAD
TWICE VISITED SOUTH AFRICA IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS IN A BID TO SECURE MILITARY AID, (AND?) MEETING (SIC) HE HAD WITH TOP SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS AND PREMIER JOHN VORSTER WERE ARRANGED WITH THE HELP OF ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA. PARA.
IT WAS BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER THAT DR. SAVIMBI REALIZED HE WOULD NEED MILITARY HELP IN THE WAR AGAINST THE SOVIET-BACKED CUBAN AND MPLA FORCES. PARA.
INNER QTE. SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES WERE CONCENTRATED ONLY AROUND THE CUNENE RIVER ON THE SOUTHERN BORDER, END INNER QTE DR. SAVIMBI SAID. PARA.
HE FLEW TO ZAIRE TO ASK HELP FROM PRESIDENT MOBUTU SESE SEKO WHO GAVE HIM ELEVEN MANNED TANKS, AND IN THE MIDDLE OF OCTOBER PRESIDENT MOBUTU TOLD DR. SAVIMBI HE HAD AN AMERICAN FRIEND WHO WANTED TO HELP. PARA.
THE AMERICAN FRIEND'S NAME WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THE WASHINGTON-DATED REPORT WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN FULL BY THE AFRIKAANS SUNDAY PAPER RAPPORT. PARA
AFTER DR. SAVIMBI'S VISIT TO ZAIRE, PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA OF ZAMBIA ARRANGED A MEETING FOR HIM WITH PREMIER VORSTER IN PRETORIA ON DECEMBER 20. PARA
SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, ON CHRISTMAS DAY, THE
SOUTH AFRICAN COMMANDER TOLD DR. SAVIMBI HIS TROOPS WERE PULLING OUT OF ANGOLA FOR GOOD. DR. SAVIMBI THEN WENT BACK TO LUSAKA AND REQUESTED ANOTHER MEETING WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES, THIS TIME IN NAMIBIA. PARA
THEY TOLD HIM THAT (SOUTH?) AFRICA WOULD REMAIN IN ANGOLA UNTIL THE OUTCOME OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY MEETING OVER ANGOLA ON JANUARY 11. ABOUT TEN DAYS AFTER THE OAU MEETING ON JANUARY 21, THE SOUTH AFRICANS TOLD DR. SAVIMBI THEY WOULD WITHDRAW FROM THE FIGHT. PARA
THE PAPER RAPPORT SAID U.S. SENATOR COUGHLIN WHO WOULD SUBMIT THIS REPORT ALSO HAD TALKS IN SOUTH AFRICA WITH SOUTH AFRICAN SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BRAND FOURIE, AND TWO OPPOSITION MP'S, MR. JAPIE BASSON AND DR. F. VAN ZYL SLABBERT. END QTE.

3. FURTHER COMMENTS SEPTTEL.

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